

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 26, 1972

5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

THE HONORABLE W. ROBERT BLAIR, SPEAKER

IN THE CHAIR



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W. Robert Blair: "The House will be in order and those persons not entitled to the Floor will be removed therefrom by the Doorkeeper. All right. The First Special Session of the 77th General Assembly is called to order and the.. and the invocation will be by Dr. Johnson, the House Chaplain."

Dr. Johnson: "Ah.. we pray. Almighty and all merciful God, as we these days have been able to observe our national day of Thanksgiving, we remember with gratitude the goodness of this land which we are by your goodness, able to call our own. Remind us, oh Lord, that government is one of the many blessings You have showered upon this land, this nation and this people. We are assembled here this day as Representatives of a government built upon the firm foundation of freedom, and upon firm respect for life and the lawful pursuit of well-being. Remind us in this Session of the words of the sacred writer who declared that unless the Lord build a city, they labor in vain who build it. Recall to our hearts, that our labors here will ultimately be in vain unless attended by Your gracious blessings and carried forward according to Your will. And now let the words of our mouths and the intentions of our hearts be acceptable before You, oh God, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen."

W. Robert Blair: "Roll call for attendance. Message from the Governor."

F. B. Selcke: "State of Illinois, Executive Department, Proclamation. Whereas the United States Congress has now



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approved Federal Revenue Sharing by completing final action on the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act, it's first full year of operation. Federal Revenue Sharing will provide \$300,000,000 annually for the State of Illinois for its counties, townships, cities and villages. In addition, as an extra sum this year, Fiscal Year 1973, the state will receive retroactive one-time payments of approximately \$45,000,000 and counties, townships, cities and villages approximately \$90,000,000. Approval of the Federal Revenue Sharing makes it necessary and possible to assure real property tax relief and reduction to enable and encourage local units of general government to rebate real property taxes for this and future years, to enable the state government to participate substantially in the expense of local school of construction to begin fundamental school finance reform to undertake a major readjustment of state and local fiscal burdens and to act promptly, boldly, and wisely at a critical stage to establish and reorder governmental priorities. Therefore, I deem that an extraordinary session exist for convening the 77th General Assembly and the Special Session. And now therefore, I, Richard B. Ogilvie, Governor of the State of Illinois by the power and authority invested me by the Constitution of the State of Illinois do hereby call and convene a Special Session of the 77th General Assembly of the State of Illinois to commence on the 26th day of November, A. D. 1972 at 5:30 o'clock p. m. Central Standard.

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Time for the following purposes: (1) To enact laws and amend or repeal existing laws or parts thereof to provide for a freeze on real property taxes at present levels; (2) To enact laws and amend or repeal existing laws or parts thereof to authorize real property tax rebates by city, township and county governments; (3) To enact laws and amend or repeal exist laws or parts thereof to authorize state participation in the cost, financing of local school construction; (4) To enact laws and amend or repeal existing laws or parts thereof to authorize and encourage cooperation among units and agencies of federal, state and local government and the utilization of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. In witness thereof I have hereinto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to affix, done at the State of Illinois Building in Chicago this 16th day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two in the State of Illinois, 154th, Richard B. Ogilvie, John W. Lewis, Secretary of State. To the Honorable W. Robert Blair, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Members of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly. Gentlemen, I am enclosing herewith correct copy of a proclamation issued by his Excellency, Governor Richard B. Ogilvie, filed in my office the 16th day of October, 1972, give under my hand and Great Seal of the State this 26th day of November A. D., 1972, John W. Lewis, Secretary of State."

W. Robert Blair: "Resolutions."



F. B. Selcke: "House Resolution #1. Hyde. Resolve that the Rules of the House of Representatives in the 77th General Assembly as amended be adopted and the Rules of this Special Session so far as the same may be applicable and that the standing committees of the House of the 77th General Assembly and their Membership shall constitute the Standing Committees of the House during this Special Session."

W. Robert Blair: "Okay, the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

House Resolution 1 as read by the Clerk indicates that the Rules of the Special Session as far as they're applicable will be the same as the Rules during the General Session and also the Standing Committees. And so I move adoption of House Resolution #1."

W. Robert Blair: "All right. This is a Rules adoption ah.. of the Standing Rules to apply during the Special Session. All right. Let's have a roll call vote. All those in favor will vote 'aye', and the opposed 'no'. Have all those voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this question there are 156 'ayes' and 1 'nay' and the Resolution #1 is adopted."

F. B. Selcke: "House Resolution #2, Hyde. Resolve that the Clerk inform the Senate that the majority Members of the House has assembled pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor convening a Special Session of the General Assembly and are now ready for the transaction of business."

W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."



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Hyde: "This is a routine motion, Mr. Speaker, informing the Senate that we're ready to do business in the Special Session. I move adoption of House Resolution #2."

W. Robert Blair: "All those in favor of adoption of the resolution say 'aye'."

Members: "Aye."

W. Robert Blair: "Opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Further resolutions."

F. B. Selcke: "House Resolution #3, Hyde. Resolve that a Committee of nine members be appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the House is now in Session pursuant to proclamation and is ready to receive his Excellency or any communication he may see fit to make."

W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move adoption of House Resolution #3."

W. Robert Blair: "All those in favor of House Resolution #3 say 'aye'."

Members: "Aye."

W. Robert Blair: "Opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The resolution is adopted. Further resolutions."

F. B. Selcke: "House Joint Resolution #1, Hyde. Resolved by the House of Representative of the 77th General Assembly of the State of Illinois at the First Special Session thereof, the Senate concurring herein, that the two Houses meet in joint session in the hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, November 27, 1972 at the hour of 12:00 Noon for



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the purpose of hearing the Governor deliver his message in person."

W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution #1 provides that ah.. ah.. when we meet in joint session tomorrow, we will meet here at 12:00 Noon to hear the Governor deliver his message in person. Now, actually when we do adjourn, it will be 11:45. So for the information of the Members, that they are to be here tomorrow at 11:45. The Governor will deliver his message to the Special Session at 12:00 Noon. So I now move, Mr. Speaker, adoption of House Joint Resolution #1."

W. Robert Blair: "All those in favor of HJR 1, say 'aye'."

Members: "Aye."

W. Robert Blair: "Opposed, 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the resolution is adopted. Further resolutions."

F. B. Selcke: "House Joint Resolution #2, Hyde. Resolved by the House of Representatives the 77th General Assembly, the State of Illinois, the First Special Session thereof, the Senate concurring herein that joint rules of the House and Senate of the 77th General Assembly be the joint rules of the House and Senate for the First Special Session of the 77th General Assembly so far as the same may be applicable."

W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution merely provides that the joint rules



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during the Special Session. And I now move adoption of House Joint Resolution #2."

W. Robert Blair: "All right. This is adoption of the Joint Rules for the House and Senate. Roll call vote. All those in favor will vote 'aye' and the opposed 'no'. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. Have all those voted who wish? On this question there are 163 'ayes' and no 'nays' and HJR 2 is adopted. Messages from the Senate."

F. B. Selcke: "Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate's adopted the following Senate Joint Resolution to wit Senate Joint Resolution #4, resolved by the Senate of the 77th General Assembly, First Special Session thereof the Secretary of the Senate informs the House of Representatives that a majority of the Members of the Senate has assembled pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor convening a Special Session of the General Assembly and are now ready for transaction and business. Adopted by the Senate November 26, 1972, Kenneth Wright, Secretary. No further messages."

W. Robert Blair: "All right now. Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde, on the adjournment of the First Special Session."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I now move that the First Special Session do now stand adjourned until the hour of 11:45 tomorrow morning."

W. Robert Blair: "All right. All those in favor of the motion



adjourn til 11:45 tomorrow say 'aye'."

Members: "Aye."

W. Robert Blair: "Opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the motion is carried. All right."



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A Roll Call for attendance was taken and indicated that all were present with the exception of the following:

Representative Donald A. Henss - no reason given;

Representative Thomas R. Houde - illness;

Representative Lehman, - illness;

Representative John W. Thompson - no reason given;

Representative Raymond J. Welsh - no reason given.

